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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN AND DIEGO GARCIA IN PARLIAMENT

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1. REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS DECEMBER 12, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER BIPIN PAL DAS REPEATED THE GOI POSITION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND DIEGO GARCIA. HE DID NOT USE ANY OF THE ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ON DIEGO GARCIA GIVEN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BY THE BRITISH. QUESTIONING WAS NOT AGGRESSIVE.

2. DAS SAID THE GOI WAS "UNHAPPY" OVER THE UK DECISION.

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EXPANSION OF THE DIEGO GARCIA BASE, WHETHER IT COST \$33 MILLION OR ONLY \$18 MILLION, WOULD DISTURB PEACE IN THE AREA. INDIA WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH LITTORAL COUNTRIES TO TRY TO ESTABLISH A ZONE OF PEACE. IT HAD MADE ITS POSITION CLEAR TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND TO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. IT HAD ALSO RAISED THE CENTO EXERCISE WITH THE "PARTIES CONCERNED" (IN FACT ONLY WITH THE US AND BRITISH).
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